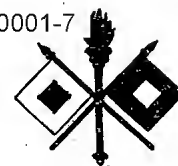


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TO: **CAPTAIN SHEPARD EYES ONLY FOR THE PRESIDENT**

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1. CONGO:

A. ADOULA IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE WITH PARLIAMENT.

B. HIS OPPONENTS PLAN A VOTE OF CENSURE IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO OVER A VOTE BY ACCLAMATION YESTERDAY TO FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND LIFT THE STATE OF QUASI-MARTIAL LAW.

C. IF ADOULA CANNOT SHORE UP HIS SLIM MARGINS BEFORE THE CENSURE MOTION COMES TO A VOTE, HE MAY PROROGUE PARLIAMENT AND TRY TO RULE BY DECREE. IN THIS, HE WOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT KASAVUBU AND ARMY COMMANDER MOBUTU (WHOSE TRIP TO THE US HE HAS CANCELLED), BUT VIOLENT POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS MIGHT DEVELOP.

2. INDIA - COMMUNIST CHINA:

A. THE CEASE-FIRE CONTINUES TO BE OBSERVED.

B. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, NEHRU HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANYTHING OFFICIAL FROM PEIPING WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A YES OR NO ANSWER. WITHOUT ACTUALLY SAYING SO HIMSELF, HOWEVER, HE IS MAKING IT PLAIN THROUGH THE CONGRESS PARTY THAT PEIPING'S PROPOSAL IS UNACCEPTABLE.

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D. CEYLON, ON WEDNESDAY, INVITED FIVE OTHER NEUTRAL HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TO MEET IN EARLY DECEMBER TO CONSIDER WHAT COULD BE DONE. SO FAR, BURMA'S NE WIN HAS ACCEPTED; THE UAR, GHANA, CAMBODIA, AND INDONESIA WILL PROBABLY DO SO TOO.

E. PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER ALI HAS ACCEPTED CHOU EN-LAI'S INVITATION TO VISIT PEIPING, PRESUMABLY FOR BORDER TALKS. NO DATE GIVEN.

F. THE INDIANS HAVE LET IT BE KNOWN [REDACTED] THAT THEY MIGHT CONSIDER SOME SORT OF LONG-TERM LEASE OF AREAS THE CHINESE SEEM TO WANT. [REDACTED]

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3. USSR:

A. THE SOVIET PARTY PLENUM ENDED YESTERDAY IN A CLOSED SESSION WHICH APPROVED MANY HIGH-LEVEL ORGANIZATIONAL AND PERSONNEL CHANGES.

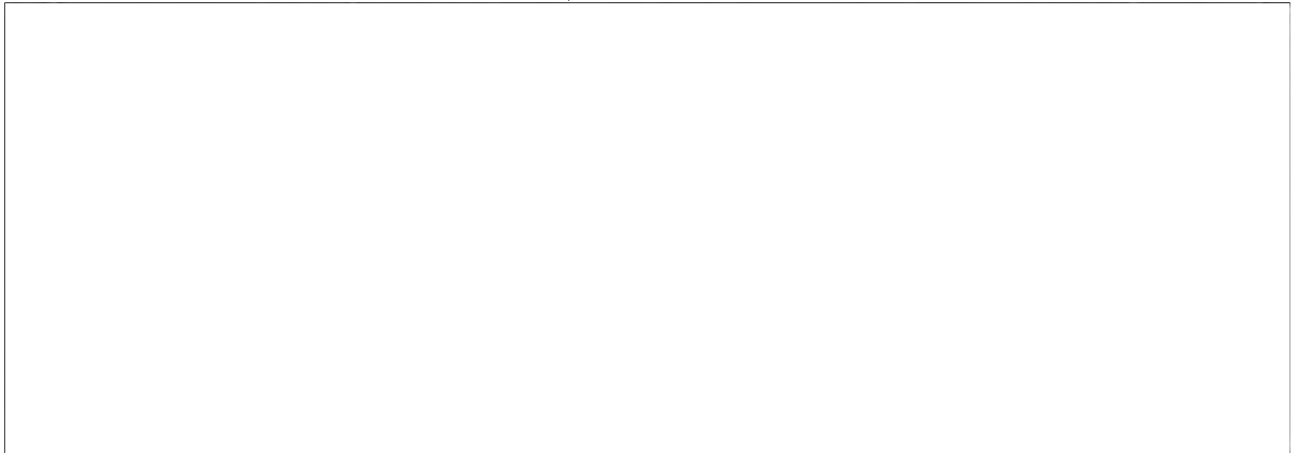
B. THESE ARE INTENDED TO CARRY FORWARD KHRUSHCHEV'S NEW PLAN FOR MORE CENTRALIZED DAY-TO-DAY CONTROL OVER THE ECONOMY AND ARE THE FIRST OF MANY MORE TO COME.

C. SALIENT FEATURES ARE: (1) SOME YOUNGER LEADERS HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL POWER GAINS; (2) SOME OF KHRUSHCHEV'S MORE SENIOR DEPUTIES HAVE LOST AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY, BUT NO FORMAL CHANGES IN STATUS; (3) THE PARTY SECRETARIAT HAS BEEN EXPANDED FROM EIGHT TO TWELVE; (4) A NUMBER OF THE PARTY BUREAUS BEING SET UP TO ADMINISTER AREAS OF THE ECONOMY WILL HAVE PARTY SECRETARIES HEADING THEM, APPARENTLY TO EMPHASIZE THE HIGH IMPORTANCE OF THESE BUREAUS; (5) ALEKSANDR SHELEPIN, FORMER SECRET POLICE HEAD SEEMS TO HAVE PROFITED MOST. APPOINTED LAST

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YEAR TO THE SECRETARIAT, HE IS NOW A DEPUTY PREMIER AND HEADS THE NEW ALL-POWERFUL ENFORCEMENT ARM--THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF PARTY AND STATE CONTROL--A MAN AND A JOB WHICH BEAR CLOSE WATCHING.

4. YEMEN:




5. BRITAIN:

A. THE CONSERVATIVES WERE SET BACK BY THE LOSS (TO LABOR) OF TWO OF THE FIVE BY-ELECTIONS HELD THURSDAY.

B. THE LIBERALS SHOWED STRONGLY IN ALL FIVE CONTESTS AND THIS, RATHER THAN INCREASED SUPPORT FOR LABOR, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSERVATIVE LOSSES.

C. THE COMMON MARKET WAS NOT GENERALLY A CONSPICUOUS ISSUE, ALTHOUGH IT MAY HAVE HELPED CUT CONSERVATIVE MARGINS IN THE THREE AGRICULTURAL CONSTITUENCIES.

6. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS:

A. WE MUST BACK AWAY FROM OUR REPORT  PEIPING WOULD NOT RETURN ITS AMBASSADORS TO THE SOVIET BLOC COUNTRIES.

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B. IN WARSAW, AMBASSADOR WANG'S INTERPRETER TELLS US HE EXPECTS WANG WILL BE ON HAND FOR THE MEETING WITH CABOT WHICH HAS BEEN SET FOR 13 DECEMBER.

C. THE FRENCH PRESS SAYS PEIPING'S AMBASSADOR TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAS RETURNED TO PRAGUE [REDACTED]

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D. THE FORMER AMBASSADOR IN NEW DELHI (WHO HAS BEEN IN PEIPING FOR SEVERAL WEEKS) HAS JUST BEEN NAMED AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR.

E. THE CHINESE HAVE EXHIBITED SOME SENSITIVITY TO RUMORS THAT THEIR AMBASSADORS WOULD NOT BE RETURNING.

7. NOTE:

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B. EAST GERMANY - BERLIN: INTERNAL PROPAGANDA BUILDUP FOR THE FORTHCOMING EAST GERMAN PARTY CONGRESS IS NOTABLE FOR THE ABSENCE OF ANY REFERENCE TO URGENCY IN CONCLUDING A SEPARATE PEACE TREATY. THERE IS ALSO NO REFERENCE TO A "DE-MILITARIZED" WEST BERLIN.

C. BELGIUM-UN-CONGO: SPAAK IS THINKING SERIOUSLY OF COMING TO NEW YORK IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO DISCUSS THE CONGO PROBLEM WITH THANT AND BUNCHE, HOPEFULLY WHILE GARDINER AND BOMBOKO ARE STILL IN TOWN.

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D. LAOS: ONE OF OUR AIR DROPS OF RICE HAD MORE THAN USUAL IMPACT THE OTHER DAY WHEN FOUR BAGS HIT A COMMUNIST CHINESE SUPPLY PLANE PARKED AT PHONG SALLY AIRFIELD.

E. ANGOLA: [REDACTED] REBEL FORCES ARE POISED TO GO INTO ACTION IN ANGOLA WHEN DISCUSSION OF ANGOLA COMES UP AT THE UN. SOME 500 COMMANDO TROOPS ARE BEING READIED ON THE CONGO SIDE OF THE BORDER.

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